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ANTI-BULLYING DAY - Mrs. Miller's grade 7b class sport pink in support of anti-bullying day at Westglen School last Wednesday.

Show 'n' Shine may be a no-show this summer

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The 21st annual Didsbury Show 'n' Shine may be called off this year due to a lack of board volunteers, according to officials.

Gil Enns, a board member for the event, said the board - which now only has four members - needs at least eight people to help with the initial planning of the show.

"We've lost six or seven people in the last little while," said Enns. "At (the last) board meeting, we had four people... and we cannot do it with just four people - we just physically cannot. We're all working and we don't have time to do this."

Two of the issues, he explained, are that the board must design and print T-shirts and trophies, as well as canvass businesses for support - whether it be for prizes or donations to be put towards the show.

"What we need to do is go to all the businesses and collect funding from them to make this happen, so that we have money to work with, and that's very time consuming," he noted.

Last year, each board member had a list of

between 15 and 20 businesses to canvass, even though they had just under 10 members at the time, he added.

He explained that many of the longtime volunteers who have been on the board are not going to participate in fundraising for the event this year, for one reason or another.

Chairman Grant Svendsen said that there is a fair amount of groundwork that goes on before the show happens, such as designing and ordering trophies and shirts, along with canvassing businesses.

"And we usually split that list up pretty evenly and nobody gets overwhelmed by it... these are just some of the things that have to be done by the board beforehand," said Svendsen.

"It's not a huge commitment. We meet once a month before the show, so we'll meet five or six times and just hash it all out as a group. It's not like it's a weekly thing. The time commitment isn't that big in the end."

The problem, he said, is that with so few board members, the board can't go ahead with so few people, because that may scare away what remaining volunteers they have.

"It's a good show and it'd be a shame to lose it, but in the same token, as the chairman, I don't want to stress out the few people we do have and scare them away," he said.

"The more bodies we have the merrier it makes, and we do have lot of fun."

He noted along with board members who conduct the initial groundwork, the board will also need to find about 20 people to help on the day of the event, though they do have more time to arrange that than they have to find board members.

Enns said that if they cannot find more board members by the next meeting on Wednesday, March 13, the Didsbury Show 'n' Shine will not happen this year.

"It would be a shame not to have it, wouldn't it, after going for 20 years," he said. "Last year we had 300 cars, and people look forward to it... they say they really have a good time at this one."

Svendsen said those interested in helping ensure this year's show is as good as ever, are encouraged to either attend the board meeting at Gil's Truck and Auto on March 13 at 7 p.m. or contact him, Grant Svendsen, at 403-335-9488.



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Cremona girl struck by Freightliner

BY JARED SIEMENS
MVP Staff

A pedestrian was struck by a northbound semi truck while attempting to cross Highway 22 within a crosswalk in Cremona last Monday afternoon, Feb. 25, around 3:30 p.m.

The 8-year-old girl was attempting to cross in the direction of the village when the Freightliner semi truck without a trailer, operated by a 27-year-old male from Caroline, struck her, reported Cst. Danielle Morrison of the Didsbury RCMP.

"The driver of the semi truck saw the female enter the intersection and attempted to swerve to avoid her, resulting in the female being struck by the side of the truck," said Morrison.

The young girl was transported by STARS Air Ambulance to Alberta Children's Hospital, and was initially in critical condition, report police. Members of Cremona Fire Department and Didsbury RCMP attended the scene as well as local EMS.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson confirmed last Thursday that police had received word from the girl's family saying she is improving, and is no longer in critical condition.

Speed, alcohol, and weather conditions are not considered contributing factors to the collision, said Morrison.

Investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the RCMP Collisions Analyst, and any potential charges will be determined with the conclusion of the investigation, she said.

There are overhead lights at the crosswalk, but with the investigation still ongoing, Cst. Morrison said she was unable to confirm whether they were activated prior to the incident.

The lead investigator on the case visited Cremona School the day following the accident to provide information on safety while using crosswalks, said Jacobson.

"We're hoping we never have a repeat of that nature there," said Jacobson.



Dan Singleton/MVP

CREMONA EMERGENCY TREATMENT - EMS personnel and firefighters prepare to transport an eight-year-old girl hit by a vehicle in the cross-walk on Highway 22 in Cremona on Feb. 25.

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Suspects in local mailbox thefts arrested in Camrose

BY PAUL EVEREST
MVP Staff

The Camrose Police Service arrested a man and woman from Didsbury on Feb. 15 in connection to alleged mailbox thefts throughout the province in recent weeks, including thefts from six mailboxes on Imperial Drive in Olds on Feb. 9 and at the Olds post office on Feb. 10.

Deputy Chief Lee Foreman said police responded to reports from a Camrose business at roughly 6 p.m. that day about a man and a woman attempting to cash a fraudulent cheque.

Police responded and

arrested Kevin Brian Madden, 36, and Crystal Cecilia Shewchuk, 32.

They were allegedly found with documents, equipment and information linking them to mailbox thefts throughout the province in recent weeks, including thefts from six mailboxes on Imperial Drive in Olds on Feb. 9 and at the Olds post office on Feb. 10.

Foreman said police discovered the suspects had stolen an American Express credit card from a mailbox in Olds.

They allegedly phoned the house the card was going to and convinced

a teenager living there to divulge his parents' birthdates in order to activate the card.

Police also found in the suspects' possession labelling equipment, rubber stamps for document altering, a laser printer, laptops, bank drafts, identification documents, credit cards, break-in tools and a typewriter.

Besides thefts in Olds, Foreman said, the suspects are linked to alleged mailbox thefts and incidents of fraud in Bonnyville, Camrose, Fort Kent, Fort McMurray, Smoky Lake,

Spedden, Lacombe, St. Paul, Dewberry, Glendon and Wataskiwin.

Each suspect is facing nine fraud-related charges including uttering forged documents, forgery, possession of property over \$5,000, possession of forgery instruments and possession of credit card data.

Madden is also charged with breaching an undertaking.

The suspects appeared in Camrose provincial court on Feb. 27 and will next appear in court on March 6.

They remain in custody.



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HARD HIT - Didsbury RCMP and fire crews responded around 5 p.m. to a crash on Highway 22 near Highway 582 on March 3. Further details were unavailable at time of press.

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MV Arts Society AGM

Elects board, plans coming year

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Museum was overflowing with over 40 art enthusiasts earlier this month, when the Mountain View Arts Society (MVAS) held its Annual General Meeting Wine and Cheese Celebration, according to officials.

President Kathleen Windsor said along with elections for the board of directors, the society also discussed the year in review, as well as what to look forward to in the coming year.

"What was especially cool - as in absolutely amazing and exciting all rolled into one - was the number of people who came," said Windsor.

"I think there were over 40 and that was for an AGM. I can't even tell you how much having all those people show up made the rest of us feel,"

so much interest and energy."

Musicians, visual artists, dancers, writers, craftsmen, seniors, teenagers, volunteers and municipal councillors all came to join the celebration of a year of arts, culture and heritage, she added.

As a result of the elections held that night, Windsor, Deb Patten, Merrilee Anthony and Jen Coutu were given the roles of president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, respectively, she said.

Claus Jeske, Ann Jordan-Mills and Tracie Skeet-Brook were also elected as directors-at-large.

Jason Valleau, award-winning musician and founder of the Mountain View Music Fest attended and spoke to the audience at the AGM, she noted.

"He shared ideas for

our festival from funding opportunities and the challenges of blending art with business. There were lots of questions and great discussions."

The Mountain View Arts Society promotes and encourages a variety of artistic opportunities and events for the enrichment and enjoyment of the general public, she added.

If anybody would like to learn more about the MVAS, they can do so by visiting its website at (www.mountainviewartsociety.ca) or (www.facebook.com/mvartsfest).

The Mountain View Arts Society was incorporated on Jan. 13, 2012 and hosts "A Brush With Art" Art Show and Sale in April, a Canadian Classic Concert on April 11 with Gary Fjellgaard and Valdy, and the Mountain View Arts Festival in September.



MLA VISIT - MLA Bruce Rowe visits with Rick Astle, president of the Mountain View Model Railroad Club, at the Didsbury Museum during a tour on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

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(Clockwise starting at top left) Ann Jordan-Mills, Tracie Skeet-Brook, Claus Jeske, Merrilee Anthony, Deborah Patten, Kathleen Windsor and Jen Coutu were all smiles after being elected onto the board of the MVAS.

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Opinion

Editorial

Education and health care under fire

As the Alberta government prepares to release a budget widely expected to be full of bad news this week, physicians and teachers remain locked in bitter disputes with the Redford Tories.



DAN SINGLETON

With the premier and her cabinet colleagues having repeatedly said the province's fiscal picture is anything but bright, Albertans shouldn't be surprised if the new budget includes cuts to both education and health funding, as well as to other areas such as environmental protection and infrastructure.

And if that happens, what hope, if any, is there for timely settlements of the doctor and teacher disputes?

On the education side, things have gone from bad to worse in recent days, with the latest government contract offer being rejected outright by teachers.

"I want to express my personal disappointment that we could not reach a negotiated agreement with the leadership of the ATA that would have benefited Alberta's students, our hard-working teachers and local school boards," said Minister of Education Jeff Johnson.

For their part, the teachers place the blame for the impasse squarely in the Tory camp, with Alberta Teachers' Association president Carol Henderson calling the latest government offer "unacceptable."

"In financial terms, it is actually worse for teachers than what he proposed in December," said Henderson. "There still remains the need to guarantee stability for teachers just as it guarantees stability for school boards and the province."

"There are no provisions for placing reasonable limits on the amount of time that teachers can be assigned to work by their employer boards."

Not surprisingly the official Opposition says the Tories are to blame for the current education labour mess.

"This government has once again failed to come up with a deal that protects taxpayers, and failed to take away the burden of paperwork and wasteful administration on teachers so they can spend more time doing what they do best: teaching," said Wildrose education critic Bruce McAllister.

"Now after voting themselves an eight per cent pay raise in the fall, this government has lost ability and the authority to lead by example."

On the health side, Alberta doctors have been locked in a bitter dispute with the province since the government imposed a contract settlement last year.

Whether doctors will take the dispute to the next level by starting to withdraw services remains to be seen.

The Redford Tories have been saying that the current fiscal mess is a result of lower than projected resource revenues; the opposition parties and other critics place the blame squarely on what they say is past and current Tory mismanagement.

Welcome to budget week in Canada's richest province.



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GWYN MORGAN
Troy Media

While Mark Carney is very capable and impressive, Britain has no lack of financial experts meeting that description. What differentiates him, and what drove the British government's determination to recruit him, is that he presided over the central bank of the economy that weathered the financial crisis better than other developed countries.

The most often cited reasons include sound home mortgage practices and prudent federal fiscal management. While those factors were crucial in the early days of the financial crisis, they don't explain Canada's continuing strong performance even as our closest neighbour and dominant trading partner suffers through protracted economic doldrums. So what is it that has made Canada and, by association the governor of our central bank, such a star performer?

The pivotal differentiator is that Canada is one of the world's largest resource exporters. Natural Resources Canada estimates that, in 2010, our energy, mining and forestry sectors generated new capital investment of \$95 billion and total exports of \$200 billion. The degree to which natural resources underpin Canada's economic prosperity is illustrated by balance of trade data showing an \$84-billion net balance resource trade surplus while manufacturing incurred a trade deficit of more than \$60 billion.

The largest contributor to Canada's balance of trade is, by a wide margin, oil and gas. The industry is a huge job creator, employing more than half a million people. It's also the largest investor in the Canadian economy, with \$55 billion for new capital projects in 2012. And many of those dollars went to manufacturers and contractors from coast to coast.

In 2011, the industry paid \$21 billion into the coffers of the federal and provincial governments. And here are some facts that make the huge importance of oil and gas to our country even clearer. Now that Ontario has become a so-called "have-not" province, the four oil and gas producing provinces (B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland) are the only contributors to equalization. So what if those provinces were no longer able to pay into equalization?

Quebec's deficit for the fiscal year ending March 31 is projected to be \$2.3 billion but without Quebec's \$7.4-billion equalization grant that deficit would balloon to a staggering \$9.7 billion. Manitoba's \$570-million deficit would quadruple to \$2.3 billion. New Brunswick's \$410-million deficit would jump to over \$1.9 billion. Nova Scotia's \$250-million deficit would rise to over \$1.5 billion and P.E.I.'s deficit would go from \$75 to \$400 million.

It's crystal clear that the vitality of the oil and gas industry, and the provinces which produce it, is crucial to the economic and social fabric of our nation. But that vitality is now under serious threat from a growing price discount due to lack of export pipeline capacity.

Until recently, industry leaders viewed this as a short-term problem. That was before Canadian crude fell \$42 per barrel below U.S. Gulf Coast prices in December, slashing production revenues and rendering new investments uneconomic. The most visible reaction was the cancellation of Suncor's \$11.6-billion Voyageur project, but nearly all oilsands producers are reducing investment plans.

In his January 24 speech to investors, Cenovus Energy CEO Brian Ferguson stated that the Canadian/U.S. price gap had widened to \$36 billion per year, constituting a huge subsidy to American oil consumers; "Math on that is roughly \$1,200 per Canadian in a subsidy to the United States. That's because of a lack of takeaway capacity."

TransCanada's Keystone XL Pipeline to southern U.S. refineries remains tied up in a highly political tug-of-war between American proponents and anti-oilsands activists, making it even clearer that Canada must diversify to world-priced Asian markets. But Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway conduit to Asia via the West Coast is caught in its own homemade tug of war featuring those same anti-oilsands environmental groups stoking public fear of oil spills. In reality, the risks of a spill are extremely low. Just look at Newfoundland's oil industry, which has an excellent operating record in the vastly more hostile North Atlantic environment.

Every day, more than 100,000 kilometres of pipelines carry over three million barrels of oil throughout Canada. How could a nation let its most important economic resource languish for failure to build one more pipeline? One thing is certain, failure to solve this problem means that the next Bank of Canada governor will preside over a substantially less robust economy than his predecessor.

Gwyn Morgan is a Canadian business leader and director of two global corporations.

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Recapping development efforts in Roret

On Oct. 30, my son Sage and I - along with four others from the Chinook Winds Christian Centre - travelled to Kenya for two weeks to work on our project there in the small village of Roret.

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Our philosophy is that of giving a hand up to the community and our long-term plan is to encourage self-sufficiency.

In the next few weeks I will bring you information and stories about the people we met and the events that happened on our trip.

For more information on Project Roret, please visit (www.chinookwinds.ca)



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Richard Kope, Beth Kope, Stephanie Smart, Sean Duggan, Cathy Jackson, Sage Jackson and Monica Gitone, a local pastor, pose for a photo while hiking near Roret.

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2013 Healthy Didsbury Project

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Noel West/Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Dragons senior girls team was in action last Wednesday against the Olds High School Spartans in a semi-finals league game.



Noel West/Didsbury Review

A full house attended the coffee and conversation event at the Didsbury Museum last Wednesday.

Initial review findings indicate village's viability

JARED SIEMENS
MVP Staff

Initial findings from Municipal Affairs' viability study of Cremona, spawned by its residents' request for dissolution, indicate that the village is indeed viable, said a department official last Friday.

"The preliminary determination by the review team, is that – despite some areas of concern – currently the Village of Cremona appears to be viable, based on the statistics and financial analysis undertaken to this point," said Jerry Ward, a public affairs officer at Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Mayor Leslie Abrams broke the news to villagers during the councillor reports portion of last Tuesday's council meeting.

The viability review team held its third meeting last Tuesday, Feb. 26, with a key focus on drafting an initial findings report, said Ward.

"The purpose of the report is to conduct an in-depth review of the key measures of sustainability, and the measures and indicators of viability," said Ward.

So far, the team has reviewed administrative processes and procedures, municipal records and documents, and the organizational structure of the village, said Ward.

Abrams noted that the Village of Cremona viability review was initiated by sufficient petition from the electors of the Village of Cremona in 2012, who requested a dissolution study for the village.

"The dissolution study was replaced by the viability review process, following the announcement of the municipal sustainability strategy by the ministry of Municipal Affairs," she said.

The next phase of the Village of Cremona viability review is stakeholder engagement, which is currently being planned by the team, said Abrams.

A stakeholder, Ward explained, includes any Cremona resident who wishes to volunteer to be part of the study and provide input to the viability team.

Once finalized, information about the stakeholder engagement opportunities will be provided to villagers, said Abrams.

New street sweeper purchase cleared by council

KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Didsbury's Public Works office has purchased a new street sweeper for the town, costing about \$170,000, according to officials.

Public Works Manager Mike Phillips requested the sweeper previously and council set a budget of \$200,000 for the purchase.

Phillips noted that the model they picked has received great reviews from other municipalities and he is happy about the purchase.

The decision to buy a sweeper came after administration compared the prices of renting sweepers or bringing in contractors to do the work versus purchasing a unit for the town, said CAO Roy Brown at the regular council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Since the cost for the sweeper came in below the \$200,000 allowed by council, Phillips requested permission from council to purchase a small equipment trailer and a self-propelled line painter.

Mayor Brian Wittal noted the reason for the purchase is that the machine currently being used by town employees is worn out and needing constant maintenance. Between renting or joint-purchasing a unit with another municipality, administration found it more feasible to just buy a new unit.

He said that when it came down to the line painter, the decision to purchase one for the town was also an easy one to make.

"Over the last couple of years we've been spending anywhere from \$5,000 to \$12,000 a year, depending on how much painting we're doing," said Wittal.

"You can pay for one of those units in a couple years, so that only makes sense to do that. So it's going to last us for five to 10 years, it basically pays for itself and a new one after probably the first six years."

Another advantage to this approach, he said, is that it is difficult to get contractors in to paint lines early in the year, unless council is willing to pay a premium to get it done.

"So again from a safety perspective, the sooner we can get out and refresh and paint our lines and everything else, first thing in the spring you get better utilization."

As for the equipment trailer, he noted that it will be used by Town of Didsbury employees for everything from landscaping to maintenance work.



Former band teacher sending instruments to Mexico

PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

A retired band teacher is sending musical instruments to Mexico and helping students there discover the joy of music.

Barry Valleeau, who taught band at Deer Meadow School in Olds, Westglen School in Didsbury and Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs, regularly travels to Puerto Vallarta for vacation in the winter.

In 2011, when booking his flight for the trip, a WestJet representative introduced him to the company's humanitarian aid program, which allows a person to transport an extra bag of humanitarian supplies for free.

Valleeau decided to see if he could use the program to help expose children in Puerto Vallarta to

music.

He contacted a local newspaper in Puerto Vallarta that year to see how he could help out the community. After contacting the newspaper

give instruments to the young musicians.

In 2012, while the conductor of the Puerto Vallarta Youth Orchestra had already secured help to assist him when

or the Edmonton Wind Sinfonia, but it's the best orchestra Puerto Vallarta has, the senior group Puerto Vallarta Chamber Orchestra, and they only had one trumpet, so ... at least with me (there), they had two," he said.

With the leading and teaching of the orchestra well in hand, Valleeau will be bringing as many instruments and as much sheet music as possible with him this November to Puerto Vallarta. Valleeau said his former colleagues in Chinook's Edge School Division have been generous in donating instruments. When Valleeau attended the 2012 Alberta Music Conference in Red Deer, he also put out the word about the project.

"Our major role in all this is gathering it up and transporting it down and getting it delivered (with the help of WestJet's humanitarian aid program). We nearly have enough (instruments) for this coming November, and we're hoping this article will fill us up there and maybe get us filled up for the next couple or three years," he said.

Valleeau said the highlight for him has been taking four trumpets with him in 2011 – one of them being a silver trumpet from Didsbury High School. Since there are few playgrounds in the city, this also gives the students a positive outlet.

"The majority of the old clunkers kickin' around are brass, and this is a silver one and I got to hold it in my arms. The case, it was unclasped, and I got the young boy ... to lift the lid, and the interpreter said, 'This is for you' ... and it was the most amazing feeling you could imagine. He had been playing, but (previously) he had to borrow every time he wanted to play," he said.

Valleeau suggested that anyone who may have an old instrument they wish to donate should contact the local school.

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BARRY VALLEAU
Retired band teacher

per, he was put in touch with a community learning centre project representative who heard about Valleeau's interest in music and donating instruments to local children's bands. Upon meeting a staff member with the community centre, Valleeau agreed to

Valleeau arrived, there was nobody to play in the horn section, so Valleeau joined the youngsters for some concerts.

"I played trumpet in a

youth orchestra, which was a little weird ... but they needed trumpet. I can't compare it to the Calgary Philharmonic

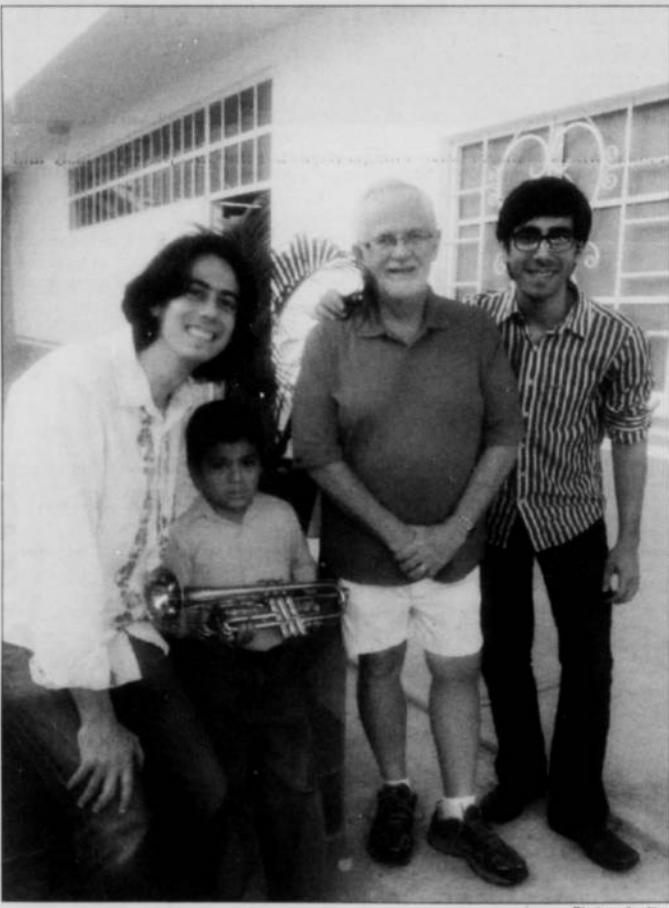
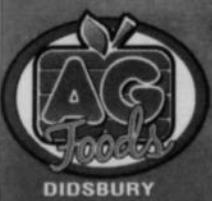


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Richard Kope, Beth Kope, Stephanie Smart, Sean Duggan, Cathy Jackson, Sage Jackson. Seated: Monicah Gitone (local Pastor in Roret)

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March

Numerous items have accumulated at the Library's Lost and Found. We have jackets, keys, glasses, books and more. Please claim your possessions this month. At the end of March everything will be donated to the Thrift Store or thrown out.

March 6 & 13

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served – supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 403 335-4739 for more info.

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March 11

Didsbury Lifeline Annual Meeting on Monday, March 11 at 10 am in the Town Office. Everyone welcome.

March 12

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tuesday Mar 12, 2013 9:30 AM, Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym, Didsbury. This month's feature is Joyful Trio. For reservations or more info call Ann 403-335-8444.

March 15

Call to Artists! The Mountain View Arts Society is now accepting applications from visual artists from around the region until March 15th for the Art Show & Sale (A Brush With Art) at the Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo, April 6 & 7, 2013 in Didsbury. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, this is the largest trade show between Airdrie and Red Deer in Central Alberta.

March 16

Didsbury Museum annual Roast Beef Dinner at the Multi Purpose Room. This is our major fund raiser and we appreciate your support. Tickets are \$30 per member and \$35 for non members. Call the Museum at 335-9295 or Frankie at 335-3633 to reserve your tickets. The door prize will be a trip for 2 on the Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions. Enjoy music by jeske, and our fun auctions. A highlight this year will be a pie raffle, with each delicious pie made by a very special person. One pie will have a prize of \$500 cash. Special dietary meals on request and rides can be arranged for Seniors.

March 17

"Broadway" comes to town! The Didsbury Figure Skating Club Annual Carnival is being held on March 17 at 2 pm. The Carnival will showcase over 100 skaters ages 3-16 years old. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to come and watch the skaters perform to Broadway musical themes. www.didsburyfigureskating.com

March 27

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April 11

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Vandalism spree

One fence and 11 vehicles were spray-painted overnight between Feb. 23 and the following morning when it was reported, according to police.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said an unknown suspect or suspects had wandered through town between the Esso on 20 Street, and it looks like they concluded on West Point Drive.

"An individual or individuals walked along through that area, spray-painted numerous vehicles and a fence was spray-painted and damaged, so a whole variety of mischief occurred," said Jacobson.

Elderly couple hospitalized after collision with school bus

BY JARED SIEMENS
MVP Staff

An elderly married couple from Carstairs were hospitalized after their SUV collided with a slowing school bus east of Carstairs on Highway 581 at approximately 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 1.

Didsbury RCMP, Carstairs Fire and Provincial EMS responded to the two-vehicle collision approximately one kilometre east of Highway 2.

"It was determined that the eastbound school bus had activated its amber lights and started to slow down, preparing to stop, when an eastbound SUV behind the bus drove into the back of the bus," said Cpl. Warren Wright of the Didsbury RCMP last Friday evening.

The 81-year-old male driver of the SUV was transported to the Didsbury Hospital by ground ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

His 83-year-old female passenger was transported by ground ambulance to

Calgary with life-threatening injuries.

Although the school bus was partially loaded with students at the time, no injuries were reported by either the bus driver or passengers, police said.

Though Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, is waiting to confirm the seriousness of potential whiplash sustained by the passengers and driver, Kurt Sacher, superintendent of the division said his understanding is that the injuries are minor.

"We're very thankful that none of the 16 students or the driver were seriously hurt," said Sacher.

Though police could not confirm the elderly female's current condition on Monday before press, the lead investigator on the case reported she was "more stable than she was on Friday," as of 7 p.m. March 2.

Police have confirmed that alcohol, weather, visibility and road conditions are not factors in the collision.

The cause of the collision is still under the investigation, and charges are pending.

Police Briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The culprits used white spray paint to draw lines across most of the vehicles and swastikas were painted on the fence, he noted, adding that police do not believe these to be targeted attacks.

"Certainly as police we are looking for any information related to this either through us or Crime Stoppers," he said.

"It's sickening to see such a random act of mischief

being perpetrated through the community here - significant damage has been caused to these vehicles."

Burglary

Residents who had been away for a week returned to their home to find it had been burgled, said Jacobson.

Cash and electronics were stolen as well as keys to the residence and a vehicle.

No further details were available at the time of press, but police are seeking any witnesses who may have seen suspicious activity between Feb. 18 and 25.

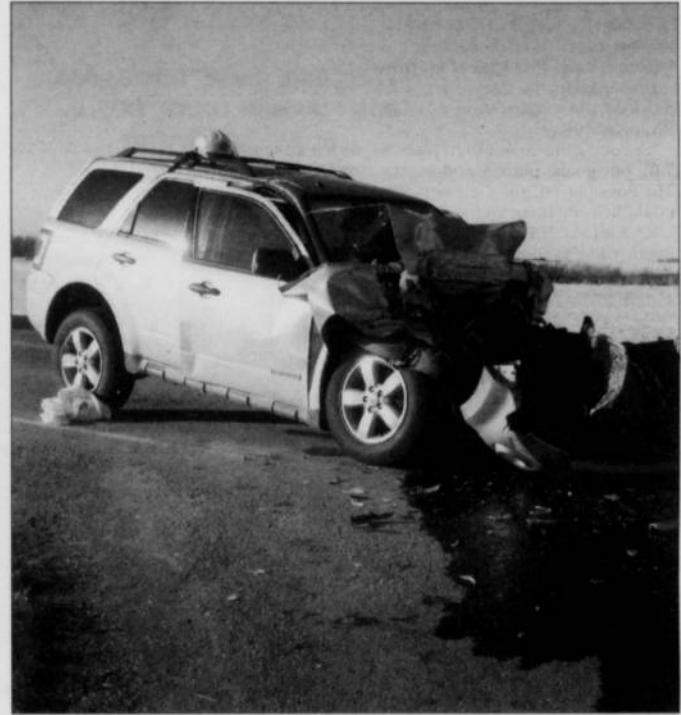


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The SUV that collided with a bus east of Carstairs.

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Colts lose series to Blackfalds Wranglers

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts got kicked out of the playoffs by the Blackfalds Wranglers, after losing four consecutive games in the seven-game series, according to officials.

Assistant Coach Mike Clark said that it was a tough series against Blackfalds – the number one team in the league.

"The first game was flat," said Clark. "It was a Sunday afternoon and (Blackfalds) got a lot of power-play goals. Goaltending wasn't as good as it should have been and that kind of set the tone."

He said that the Colts have a great first line, and did lead the team well in pushing hard against the Wranglers.

"Second game in our barn (Feb. 26, with final score 7-0), our goalie played well for the first 30 minutes. The boys played, got some penalty problems and you could just see them go flat."

He said the 6-1 game on Thursday, Feb 28 was a good game by both teams, though the scoreboard didn't show it.

"I thought that was a very good game, but again, it was power plays," he said.

"At one time it was seven power plays to one, in their favour. And it's not saying we didn't deserve the penalties, it's just that they do too."

The difference in penalty calls between the teams was a tough one to deal with, he said.

"The boys played what they could but then you get the penalties and some bad bounces, but they finished ahead of us 30 points in the league, and that's big," he said.

"So they did what they could and at least we didn't



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Damian McElroy (21) winds up for a shot at Blackfalds' net.

finish in February. Now we have a long summer to figure out what's going to happen."

He said the team will be changing things up, though he added that it's much too early to tell at this point what changes will be made.

As for Saturday's game, he said the first period was good, like the other games. The Colts came right out and gave the Wranglers a hard time, keeping the score at 2-1 for the Wranglers, he added.

"It was a really good game, there was good flow, we got the first goal - we did that last time too. Maybe

we had one too many passes, one too many shots instead of crashing the net - which is what we should have been doing - because when you're playing against such a skilled team, we couldn't match them skill for skill."

He said Blackfalds did deserve the win, because they were the better team.

"The second period I think was 4-1 and that was a couple power-play goals. So that's a good game, and then the third period, we got one and they got three - again power plays.

"One guy got a little tip in the front (of the net). We didn't get them this game, they did, and that's the difference a lot of times," he added.

The penalties the Colts got were deserved, but he said that the renegades should have gotten more penalties than they were given.

"It's all subjective. You think you're getting screwed over then you're going to think it's the worst refing in the world. It is what it is. They boys'll have some fun - there's one more practice Wednesday and I hope Okotoks kicks the crap out of Blackfalds (in the next series)," he concluded.

Blackfalds head coach Brian Lenz said his team really kicked it up a notch for the playoffs.

"I'd say we've been playing really well through the playoffs - better than we have all year, and that's what you expect of your guys," said Lenz.

"Didsbury was a tough team, we just played well, there's no doubt about it. They gave us battles all year and we just stepped up a notch in the playoffs and they couldn't seem to do it."

He said he doesn't think the Colts are a bad team, just that they couldn't quite keep up to Blackfalds.

"All the first periods were close, though we just seemed to have a little more depth and managed to pull away as the games went on," he said.

"We were ahead 3-2 going into the third period in each game so our guys played extremely well," he added.



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Damian McElroy (21) rushes down the ice into a pair of Blackfalds players.

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Public debates on pool set for April

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Though there have been persistent rumours that the Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be shutting down, town officials have not made a decision either way.

Mayor Brian Wittal said that the rumours are good however, because council is planning to host two open-forum-style meetings in April regarding the viability of the pool.

"I've gotten a few emails and a couple letters and... you know what, we've actually piqued a few people's interest in this topic - which is good, if that's the way it's going to be and fires people up to get to these meetings," said Wittal.

Council has discussed the centre in the past, he said, and has considered both keeping the pool open and shutting it down, though he notes that council will not be making a decision without input from the public first.

He said if the majority of people want to keep it, town council will keep the pool, because in the end it is the choice of the residents of what to do with the facility.

"Are we willing to continue to put those funds into it on a yearly basis? If the majority (of residents) say

yes, we have no problem with that whatsoever," he said.

"But we want people to be aware and not come back and say 'well, no that's stupid, why do we keep paying \$100,000 a year to run this thing; we should just shut it down.'

So far, the response council has been getting is that residents do not want the pool to be shut down, and would like to see it kept open by any means necessary.

"So then people need to realize what portion of their tax dollars are going to that facility in our community, and when they continue coming to me and ask 'why are my taxes higher here than they are in Carstairs, or another community similar in size?'

"Well, this is one of the reasons, and as residents of Didsbury we chose to have this pool and pay the extra taxes to operate it," he said.

The forums will be held at 7 p.m. on April 16 at the Multi-Purpose Room in the Didsbury Memorial Complex, and April 30 at 4 p.m., also in the Multi-Purpose Room, he said.

"It's not a debate between residents and council," said Wittal.

"It's not like we're strongly on one side of it and (residents are) strongly on the other side of the situ-

ation. Council is very torn on this, and I remember when we had the discussion on this, it was split right down the middle."

There are reasons for both options, he said, with money being the foremost reason to shut down the facility.

"But there's a lot of intangibles there, and as far as the value of that facility to the community goes, you can't measure it just by dollars...residents have to have that debate amongst themselves."

At the forums, council will explain the big picture surrounding the pool, from upkeep costs to maintenance, as well as what engineers have been saying about the facility, he said.

At the core, the forums will be informational sessions, but the floor will also be opened up for debate between residents once all the information has been presented, so that they can take part in an educated debate, he added.

"If the majority of people decide that they want to keep it open, those other people are along for the ride. They have no choice and they're just going to have to live with that, but at least then they all understand, and they see that the support is there for it, and it's not just that council made this independent decision," he said.

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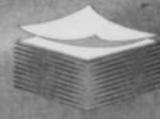
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Over 1500 sq ft including bonus room, beautiful hardwood and tile, granite counters, huge deck, nice sized fenced yard.

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\$169,900

1337 - 25 Street



Family 2 storey, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, oak kitchen, gas fireplace, double garage, good sized lot with R.V. parking off of lane

\$299,900

206 Campus Green



Terrific 45+ suite, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, all appliances, reasonable condo fees, overlooking courtyard, great neighbors

\$184,900

8 Westhill Place



Affordable start or great revenue potential, 1/2 duplex w/3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, large fenced backyard, great location

\$169,900

2110 - 23 Avenue



Great first time or investor property, excellent location in quiet neighborhood, single detached garage, gardener's delight

\$174,900

1506 Walter Place



Good sized bungalow with lots of upgrades, fully finished, 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, beautiful park-like yard, gazebo, pond, deck with hot tub and more!

\$319,000

1801 - 17 Street



1300+ sq ft. maintenance free living, 40+ villa in College Green, 2+1 bdrms, 3 baths, main flr. laundry, recent upgrades, reasonable HOA fees

\$249,900

Unit C, 1322 - 20 Street



Contemporary Condo, over 2400 sq ft of living space, 3 levels, open floor plan, high ceilings, 2 balconies, air conditioning, huge walk-in closet in master

\$269,000

103, 1902 - 23 Street



Lovely 25+ condo suite, beautifully decorated, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, floor heat, corner gas fireplace, 9' ceilings, single detached garage

\$183,900

1803 - 17 Street



College Green condo villa, 1200 sq ft, fully finished, 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, double garage, reasonable condo fees, 40+

\$229,900

5628 Sunrise Crescent, Olds



Terrific 50+ single level living, no condo fees, 2 bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, covered and enclosed patio, single attached garage.

\$199,900

2141 - 20 Avenue



Excellent location, 3 + 1 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, laminate floors, wood burning fireplace, lovely yard, double detached garage

\$199,900

201, 4500 - 50 Avenue, Olds



Beautiful Legacy Village, 1 bedroom + den, 2 baths, oak kitchen, lots of amenities, lowest price in the building, 45+

\$185,000

1409 - 20 Avenue



40' wide residential/commercial lot, lots of possibilities, great location, good exposure

\$79,000

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CARSTAIRS



Over 1400 sq ft, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully developed, large deck, fenced yard, big lot, double detached garage

\$239,000

606 West Highland Crescent



Top of the line home, 1500 sq ft +/-, hardwood, tile and slate, granite counters, floor heat in garage and basement, huge yard w/ alley access.

\$449,900

1513 - 16 Street



Close to new high school, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, great covered back deck, small green house, patio and fire pit.

\$189,900

790 Stonehaven Dr.



Immaculate home inside & out shows like new, 2+1 bdrms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, covered rear deck, underground sprinkler, oversized garage

\$317,900

13 Valarosa Point



Brand new build ready for a spring possession, best area of Valarosa, 3 bdrms., 2 baths, hardwood, double attached garage

\$314,900 incl. gst

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